

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

✓ Claim 1. (Cancelled)

Claim 2. (Previously Presented) A system as in claim 49 wherein said predetermined standards comprise government regulatory requirements.

Claim 3. (Original) A system as recited in claim 2 wherein said predetermined standards further comprise owner regulatory requirements.

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\$ Claim 4. (Original) A system as recited in claim 2 wherein said predetermined standards further comprise owner regulatory requirements which exceed said government regulatory standards.

( Claims 5-7. (Cancelled) }

Claim 8. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 49 wherein each of said interactive test items are communicated to the user on said display concurrently with at least one related user response.

Claim 9. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 8 wherein said input facilities are structured to provide user selection of at least said one related user response.

Claims 10-11. (Cancelled)

Claim 12. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 49

wherein each of said interactive test items are communicated to the user on said display concurrently with a plurality of related user responses.

Claim 13. (Original) A system as recited in claim 12 wherein said input facilities are further structured to provide user selection of an appropriate one of said plurality of user responses indicative of actual operating conditions.

Claim 14. (Original) A system as recited in claim 13 wherein said input facilities comprise a display activated keypad structured to allow manual user selection of an appropriate one of said user responses.

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Claim 15. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 49 wherein said monitoring program includes a scheduling application including performance of said plurality of interactive test items at a specified time.

Claim 16. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 15 wherein said scheduling application indicates performance of said plurality of interactive test items in a predetermined sequence.

Claim 17. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 16 wherein said monitoring program further comprises an alert application for communicating untimely input of a corresponding user response to a scheduled interactive test item.

Claims 18-20. (Cancelled)


Claim 21. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 49

wherein said input facilities comprise a display activated keypad structured to allow user selection of an appropriate one of a plurality of displayed user responses.

Claim 22. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 49 wherein said input facilities comprise a display activated keypad structured to allow user selection of an appropriate one of said user responses displayed concurrently with a related one of said interactive test items.

Claim 23. (Cancelled)

Claim 24. (Previously Presented) A system for monitoring a food service site, said system comprising:

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- a) a portable processor assembly operable at the site and comprising memory, a display and input facilities,
  - b) said portable processor assembly including a monitoring program determinative of compliant operational performance of the site,
  - c) said monitoring program comprising a task application relating to a plurality of different operational categories,
  - d) said task application including a plurality of interactive test items each requiring a user response evident on said display and indicative of actual conditions associated with said plurality of operational categories,
  - e) a plurality of predetermined standards defining acceptable performance parameters for said operational

categories,

- f) a corrective application comprising a plurality of corrective actions evident on said display, each of said corrective actions being responsive to a user response which is non-compliant with associated ones of said plurality of predetermined standards,
- g) result records comprised of data derived from a collection of said user responses and indicative of compliance with said predetermined standards, and
- h) a control facility including a central processor having sufficient capability to process said result records in a manner evidencing a pattern of compliance with said predetermined standards.

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Claim 25. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 24 wherein said input facilities comprise a temperature acquisition module interfaced with said portable processor and structured to communicate data defining said user response and representative of existing temperature of a food product.

Claim 26. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 25 wherein said temperature acquisition module comprises a probe assembly including a temperature sensing probe operative by the user to directly measure existing temperature data of the food product, said temperature data automatically communicated to the user on said display and defining a corresponding user response.

Claim 27. (Original) A system as recited in claim 26 wherein said

plurality of input facilities further comprise a display activated keypad structured to allow user selection of an appropriate one of a plurality of user responses evident on said display.

Claims 28-29. (Cancelled)

Claim 30. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 26 wherein said plurality of predetermined standards comprise government derived temperature standards.

Claim 31. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 30 wherein said plurality of predetermined standards further comprise owner derived temperature standards.

Claim 32. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 31 wherein said owner derived temperature standards exceed said government derived standards and compromise a temperature range of the food product at least partially defined by a predetermined low temperature and a predetermined high temperature.

Claim 33. (Cancelled)

Claim 34. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 24 wherein said corrective application further comprises requirements for a supplementary user response indicative of compliance of actual conditions with related ones of said plurality of predetermined standards.

Claim 35. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 24 wherein said monitoring program further comprises an alert application for communicating untimely user responses to said

plurality of interactive test items.

Claims 36-37. (Cancelled)

Claim 38. (Currently Amended) A process as recited in claim [[37]]  
53 comprising requesting performance of the corrective actions  
by the user in an attempt to bring existing conditions of the  
operational categories into compliance with the plurality of  
standards.

Claim 39. (Original) A process as recited in claim 38 requiring  
supplementary user response subsequent to performance of the  
corrective actions which are indicative of compliance of the  
existing conditions with the plurality of standards.

Claims 40-41. (Cancelled)

Claim 42. (Previously Presented) A process as recited in claim 53  
comprising manually selecting at least one of the provided  
plurality of user responses.

Claim 43. (Original) A process as recited in claim 42 comprising  
automatically selecting at least one of the provided plurality  
of user responses.

Claim 44. (Previously Presented) A process as recited in claim 53  
comprising defining requested user responses as temperatures  
automatically determined by direct temperature sensing of food  
products.

Claim 45. (Original) A process as recited in claim 44 comprising  
automatically recording the user responses defined by the  
sensed temperatures.

Claim 46. (Currently Amended) A process as recited in claim [[40]]

53 comprising scheduling periodic performance of the plurality of interactive test items and required user responses.

Claim 47. (Previously Presented) A process as recited in claim 46 comprising determining untimely entry of user responses to scheduled interactive test items being indicative of untimely user performance of scheduled test items.

Claim 48. (Previously Presented) A process as recited in claim 54 comprising processing the result records to establish documentary evidence of a pattern of compliance with said plurality of standards.

Claim 49. (Currently Amended) A system for monitoring a food service site, said system comprising:

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- a) a portable processor assembly operable at the site and comprising memory, a display and input facilities,
  - b) said portable processor assembly including a monitoring program determinative of compliant operational performance of the site,
  - c) said monitoring program comprising a task application relating to a plurality of different operational categories,
  - d) said task application including a plurality of user interactive test items communicated to a user on said display,
  - e) a plurality of predetermined standards defining acceptable performance parameters for each of said operational categories,

- f) said monitoring program further comprising a corrective application comprising a plurality of corrective actions evident on said display, each of said corrective actions being responsive to a user response which is noncompliant with associated ones of said plurality of predetermined standards,
- g) at least some of said corrective actions requiring a substantially concurrent supplemental user response available to the user on said display, and
- h) said supplemental user response ~~responses~~ determinative of compliance of said operational categories with associated ones of said predetermined standards.

B1 Claim 50. (Original) A system as recited in claim 49 further comprising a temperature acquisition module interfaced with said portable processor assembly, said temperature acquisition module comprising a temperature sensing probe structured for direct contact with food products for determining existing temperatures thereof.

Claim 51. (Original) A system as recited in claim 50 wherein said input facilities include said temperature acquisition module, said temperature sensing probe further structured to communicate said existing temperatures to said display.

Claim 52. (Original) A system as recited in claim 50 wherein said temperature acquisition module is cooperatively structured with said portable processor assembly to be determinative of the existing temperatures being within acceptable performance



parameters; said acceptable performance parameters including a temperature range of each of the food products at least partially defined by a predetermined low temperature and a predetermined high temperature.

Claim 53. (Currently Amended) A process for monitoring operation of a food service site, said process comprising:

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- a) establishing a plurality of operational categories associated with the functioning of the site,
  - b) providing a user with a plurality of interactive test items determinative of a degree of performance of the plurality of operational categories,
  - c) acknowledging a plurality of standards which define ~~defining~~ acceptable performance parameters for the operational categories,
  - d) providing the user with a plurality of user responses indicative of a plurality of possible existing conditions of the plurality of operational categories, and
  - e) requiring the user to select a user response indicative of an existing condition of a corresponding one of the plurality of operational categories currently being monitored and [[.]]
  - f) communicating a plurality of corrective actions to the user in response to entry of user responses indicative of existing conditions being non-compliant with the plurality of standards.

54. (Currently Amended) A process as recited in claim 53 comprising

b1 collecting result ~~resulting~~ records of data derived from the  
selected user responses which are indicative of compliance  
with the predetermined standards.

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